Protection and Development of Environment and Forests in Himachal Pradesh

916. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state the schemes and policy implemented during the Eighth Five Year Plan for protection and development of forests and environment in Himachal Pradesh, including conservation of bio-diversity, wild-life and improvement of wild-life sanctuaries in this hilly region, togetherwith the results of implementation of the schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): The schemes and policy implemented during the Eighth Five Year Plan for protection and development of forests and environment in Himachal Pradesh and the results of the implementation of schemes are given in the enclosed Statement.

Statement

(Rs. in lakhs)

S. No.	Name of Scheme	Achievement during the Eighth Five Year Plan	
		Financial	Physical
1.	Modern Forest Fire Control Methods	39.725	Targets fixed in terms of financial releases
2.	Development of National Parks and Sanctuaries	348.639	2 National Parks & 20 Sanctuaries covered
3.	Eco Development around protected area	100.364	2 National Parks & 18 Sanctuaries covered
4.	Integrated Afforestation and Eco Development Project	1185.67	13178 ha. area covered
5.	Area Oriented and Fuelwood and Fodder Project	627.94	11181 ha. area covered

S. No.	Name of Scheme	Achievement during the Eighth Five Year Plan	
		Financial	Physical
6.	Non Timber Forest Produce including Medicinal Plants	411.89	7580 ha. area covered
7.	Grants-in-Aid	12.43	Targets fixed in terms of finaicial releases

Protection of Coast-line

917. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the news-item captioned, "The future lies at sea", which appeared in the Indian Express, dated 10th February, 2000.

(b) whether it is a fact that nothing has been done for protection of coast-line and the Ocean Regulation Zone (ORZ) Bill is still pending for approval for the last decade;

(c) if so, by when the Bill is likely to be enacted; and

(d) what further steps are being taken to protect coast-line from harmful activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) For protection of the coast-line, a notification was issued by the Central Government in the Ministry of Environment and Forests, under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 declaring coastal strecthes as Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) and regulating activities in the CRZ.

No Ocean Regulation Zone (ORZ) Bill is pending for approval. However, a proposal to rgulate the marine environment by issue of an ORZ notification on lines similar to the CRZ Notification, 1991 was received in 1996 in the Ministry of Environment and Forests from the Department of Ocean Development.

(d) With the experience gained in the implementation of the CRZ Notification and examination of the proposed ORZ